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1. KYOTO ARRANGEMENTS. CONSULATE GENERAL WILL PROVIDE CURRENCY EXCHANGE FACILITIES FOR KENNEDY PARTY UPON ARRIVAL OSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF RAKUTOSO HOTEL IS 075-761-6333. VISIT OF YOUNG KENNEDYS TO EITHER DOSHISHA UNIVERSITY OR KYOTO UNIVERSITY NOT ADVISABLE BECAUSE HARD-CORE STUDENT RADICALS VERY ACTIVE ON BOTH CAMPUSES, CREATING POSSIBILITY OF UNPLEASANT INCIDENT. PATRICK KENNEDY COULD VISIT KYOTO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH HAS BOTH JAPANESE AND FOREIGN STUDENTS ENROLLED. WOULD OLDER KENNEDY CHILDREN BE INTERESTED IN OFF-CAMPUS MEETING WITH SELECTED GROUP OF BOTH JAPANESE AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS? BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, SENATOR'S PROGRAM WITH DOSHISHA UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND STUDENTS WILL BE HELD AT OFF-CAMPUS GUEST HOUSE OF UNIVERSITY. GROUP OF AMERICAN STUDENTS WILL MEET WITH SENATOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY AT 9 P.M. ON JANUARY 10 AT GUEST HOUSE. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT PARTY AGREE-ABLE TO HAVING BAGGAGE TRANSPORTED FROM KYOTO TO TOKYO ON JANUARY 11 BY TRUCK, AS PROPOSED TOKYO'S 19660.

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2. TOKYO ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE BREAKFAST WITH BUSINESS LEADERS WILL END AT 9:30 A.M. JANUARY 12, WE HAVE OFFERED DAISAKU IKEDA APPOINTMENT FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. WITH SENATOR. INFORMAL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ARRANGED FOR 10:30 A.M. JANUARY 12, PRIOR TO CALLS ON GOJ OFFICIALS. ADULT MEMBERS OF KENNEDY PARTY WELCOME TO ATTEND JANUARY 13 BREAKFAST AT OKURA HOTEL WITH

YOUNG LEADERS AND LUNCH AT SEIYOKEN RESTAURANT WITH TOKYO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND SELECTED FACULTY. HOWEVER, SINCE ONLY FOUR JAPANESE AT LUNCHEON TABLE, WE BELIEVE IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR MORE THAN THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF SENATOR'S PARTY TO JOIN HIM. IN ANY CASE, HOSTS OF BOTH BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO IN SENATOR'S PARTY WILL ATTEND.

3. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT. FOREIGN OFFICE AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU INFORMS US THAT DIET MEMBER MATSUHEI MORI, LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELDER STATEMAN VERY ACTIVE IN US-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES, ANXIOUS TO MEET SENATOR ON EVENING OF JANUARY 11. SINCE MORI WENT TO CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE TO ARRANGE PARTY'S VISIT TO SUMO WRESTLERS STABLE AND TO OBTAIN TICKETS FOR TOURNAMENT, WE HOPE SENATOR WILL ACCOMMODATE HIS WISH FOR BRIEF MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 10:15 P.M. AT CONCLUSION OF SESSION WITH YOUNG POLITICIANS.

4. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. WE HAVE PASSED ON TO GOJ REQUEST REF C FOR PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICE OFFICERS AND HAVE STRESSED SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES OF KENNEDY FAMILY. POLICE HAVE RESPONDED BY REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NATIONAL RAILWAYS WILL HAVE SPECIAL GUARDS ASSIGNED UNOBTRUSIVELY TO ALL RAILWAY CARS IN WHICH KENNEDY FAMILY TRAVELLING. SENATOR SHOULD KNOW THAT NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY HAS ASKED THAT HE RECONSIDER PLANS TO VISIT HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY BECAUSE IT FEARS POSSIBLE EXTREME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFT-WING DEMONSTRATIONS. FOREIGN OFFICE, HOWEVER, HAS NOT ECHOED THIS CONCERN, AND WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC THREAT. MANSFIELD

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